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SUBJECT: SC MEETING ON BEIRUT RAID: SCENARIO FOR SATURDAY

REF: (A) STATE 74568 (B) BEIRUT 4646

1. AS OF COB APRIL 20 SITUATION POINTS TO DIFFICULT VOTE
TOMORROW ON COMPROMISE RESOLUTION ARRANGED IN NEW YORK
TODAY PURSUANT TO PARA 1(C) REF (A) BUT WITH OPERATIVE
PARAGRAPH 4 DROPPED ENTIRELY. IN VIEW OF NEGATIVE AFRICAN
REACTION, BELLIGERENT ATTITUDE OF YUGOSLAVIA AND POSSIBLY
NEGATIVE REACTION FROM CHINA IT IS POSSIBLE COMPROMISE
RESOLUTION WILL FAIL EITHER FOR LACK OF NINE AFFIRMATIVE
VOTES OR POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF CHINESE VETO. WE MUST
THEREFORE THINK AHEAD WHAT COULD HAPPEN IN THAT EVENTUALITY.
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2. IT SEEMS TO US ESSENTIAL THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE BE DONE TO AVOID RESURRECTION OF THE UNAMENDED UK/ FRENCH RESOLUTION, AND IN THIS LEBANON WILL OBVIOUSLY PLAY KEY ROLE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU COULD OBTAIN FROM FONMIN THAT HE REAFFIRMS YET ANOTHER TIME INSTRUCTIONS TO GHORRA TO ACTIVELY DISCOURAGE THE ORIGINAL UK/ FRENCH RESOLUTION BEING BROUGHT TO A VOTE (IF THE COMPROMISE RESOLUTION FAILS). WE FEAR THAT ATMOSPHERE AMONG ARABS AND NON-ALIGNED MAY BE SUCH THAT GHORRA WILL NOT ACT WITH NECESSARY VIGOR UNLESS HIS SPINE IS STIFFENED BY HIS GOVERNMENT.

3. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW OF COURSE FAILURE OF THE COMPROMISE RESOLUTION WOULD BE NO CALAMITY AS LONG AS THE RESULT IS THAT NO RESOLUTION AT ALL IS BROUGHT TO A VOTE. IN THIS CONNECTION WE SEE MERIT IN IDEA DISCUSSED BY FONMIN ABOUT HAMAD (BEIRUT 4646) THAT AFTER SHORT SUMMATION BY PRESIDENT, SC MIGHT BE ADJOURNED ON FACE- SAVING GROUNDS THAT FURTHER EFFORT NEEDS TO BE MADE TO FIND AGREED TEXT BUT ON TACIT UNDERSTANDING GOL WOULD NOT PURSUE QUESTION. ONE MIGHT EVEN DISPENSE WITH SUMMATION BY THE PRESIDENT IF THIS WOULD LOOK TOO MUCH LIKE FORMAL TERMINATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS. PORTER

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